

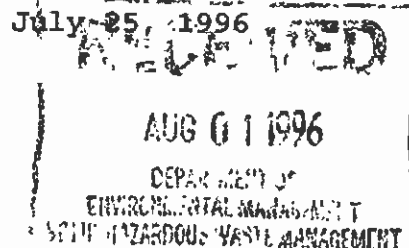


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Lawrence  
Co.  
904 SUMMIT & "H" STREET \* P.O. BOX 155 \* BEDFORD, IN 47421

812-275-6883

Indiana Department of  
Environmental Management  
100 North Senate Avenue  
P.O. Box 6015  
Indianapolis, IN 46206-6015

Dear Ms. Anne Weinkauff,  
Ms. Ashly Insko,



Re. Solid/Hazardous Waste  
Complaint, Lawrence Co.

#### LEAD CONTAMINATION OF CUTTING STATIONS

The following items are being addressed per your letter dated July 2, 1996 concerning lead contamination of the soil found in the cutting area under the overhead crane.

A berm has been constructed along the south and east ends of the affected property. A photograph is enclosed. The berm is a heavy clay mixture and will contain storm water within the cutting area.

We are soliciting bids from soil testing facilities to determine the amount of leachate produced from the soil. The test required per your letter is referred to as the Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure. In order that the testing facility may accurately determine our needs, please forward a complete description of the testing required by your office. We would also like a copy of the current report that was provided by Jim Moore concerning the levels of soil contamination.

We are tentatively scheduled for the end of September to complete the tank cutting. This schedule may be impacted by adverse weather or equipment failure. We will inform you of any delays anticipated past our current schedule.

Soil analysis is scheduled to be performed by October 1, 1996. We must receive bids from the testing facilities to determine their availability. After soil analysis is performed we will work with your office to determine the appropriate steps that must be taken at our facility to maintain environmental compliance.

Sincerely,

*Timothy D. Acton*  
Timothy D. Acton  
Office Manager

3-6-96 Lawrence Co Gen File

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT  
OFFICE OF SOLID AND HAZARDOUS WASTE  
COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION REPORT

EPA ID NUMBER: Non-notifier

NAME: Bedford Recycling

ADDRESS: 904 Summit & H Street

CITY: Bedford

STATE: Indiana

INSPECTOR: Lorrie Knierim Lipps

PERSON(S) INTERVIEWED

TITLE

TELEPHONE

Tim Acton

General Office Manager 812-275-6883

Barney Terrell

Day Shift Foreman "

INVESTIGATION FINDINGS/CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A complaint investigation was conducted on April 30, 1996, at Bedford Recycling. The complainant stated that the machinery used outside of this facility is constantly contaminating the ground by leaking large quantities of diesel fuel, hydraulic fuel and motor oil. The complainant stated that when it rains, the ground percolates with automotive fluids.

When I arrived the facility I met with Mr. Barney Terrell, Day Shift Foreman. I briefed the complaint with Mr. Terrell and he escorted me to the area of concern. He stated that he was not surprised that I was there to conduct a complaint inspection because there presently is a dispute with a former employee. Due to this dispute, IOSHA and the Solid Waste Compliance Section have previously conducted inspections at this facility within the past couple of weeks.

Bedford Recycling is composed of two sections. The front section of the property is a scrap yard for aluminum, steel and metal. The back section of the property is the area where the complainant

referred to and is a military tank processing yard. At this location Bedford Recycling contracts with the government to dismantle and recycle military tanks.

The facility's usual daily operation is to process M48 and M60 military tanks. During this process they drain and collect automotive fluids (i.e. hydraulic and transmission fluids, motor oil and diesel fuel). The fluids are combined and collected in a tank and removed by Warrior Oil Service, based out of Franklin, Indiana. Due to the fact that Bedford Recycling is equipped with a proper automotive fluid changing area, this process does not cause spills onto the property. However, the present contract of dismantling and recycling bridge launchers (portable bridges) does cause automotive fluid spills. The spills occur at the interior of the building on a concrete surface. The fluids are collected with an absorbent and placed in a plastic lined cardboard box. The box is approximately a cubic yard in size and is removed by Rumpke, located in Medora, IN.

The complaint could not be verified or substantiated at this time. I surveyed the exterior of the facility and did not find evidence of automotive fluids on the ground. All automotive fluid releases are properly collected and removed from the concrete surface at the interior of the building. Per Mr. Acton, Anne Weinkauff of the Solid Waste Compliance Section presently is ensuring compliance for the removal and disposal of their automotive fluid waste.

No further action is required on this complaint at this time.

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT  
OFFICE OF SOLID AND HAZARDOUS WASTE  
COMPLAINT REPORT

Date Received 3/16/96

How was complaint received? (Phone, Letter, Other) Phone Complaint Report Submitted by Paul Higginbotham, c SA

Have the allegations in this complaint been previously reported to any other agencies, officials, or persons? YES ☒ NO ☐ To Whom: IOSHA

COMPLAINANT INFORMATION

Name Anonymous Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Describe how the Complainant is aware of and/or affected by the alleged activity (e.g., employee, neighbor, etc.) Employee who is currently working at the site.

RESPONSIBLE PARTY INFORMATION (Complete as applicable or available)

Name Bedford Recycling  
Address Summit Lane  
City Bedford State IN Zip 47421  
Exact Location of alleged activity outside of the on-site buildings where the operating machinery is located

NATURE OF COMPLAINT - Describe specific allegations, quantity and types of materials involved, supporting information, when does the activity occur, how long has the activity been going on, etc.?

Complainant said that the machinery that is used outside at this facility is constantly leaking (in large quantities) diesel fuel, hydraulic fuel and motor oil onto the ground and it not being cleaned up. Complainant said that when it rains the ground percolates the oils, fluids and fuel where it has leaked onto the ground. He said that the drain plugs of the machinery will come out and the fluids will be allowed to leak into the ground. Complainant currently works at this business and has for 2 yrs and this has been going on for a long time. Complainant also feels that people have been sick at the site because of these problems.

TRACKING INFORMATION - Entered in tracking system, yes ☐ no ☐ initials over  
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Planned Date 4-30-96

the complainant ~~was~~ said that they cut up military tanks to recycle. He also said he called this complaint to IOSHA today (3/6/96) at 10:30 and they recommended he also call IDEM. Complaint said that IOSHA is going to send an investigator to the site to check things out.

Directions: 37 south to stoplight at Bedford turn left on 5th St. go past first stoplight to third turn and turn right go straight ~~past~~<sup>past</sup> 7th St. Look for 2nd turn on left. Turn left and go straight ahead can not miss it.

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT  
OFFICE OF SOLID AND HAZARDOUS WASTE  
COMPLAINT REPORT

Date Received 4/3/95 Complaint Report Submitted by Randolph  
How was complaint received? (Phone, Letter, Other) \_\_\_\_\_  
Have the allegations in this complaint been previously reported to any other  
agencies, officials, or persons? YES X NO \_\_\_\_\_ To Whom: John Cleveland  
DAM - Asbestos Sec

COMPLAINANT INFORMATION

Name Withheld Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Describe how the Complainant is aware of and/or affected by the alleged activity (e.g., employee, neighbor, etc.) unsure, but complainant may have worked there - or may live in area

RESPONSIBLE PARTY INFORMATION (Complete as applicable or available)

Name Bedford Recycling  
Address 904 Summit St. (corner of Summit & "H" St)  
City Bedford State IN Zip 46006  
Exact Location of alleged activity all over facility, most behind buildings and by (concrete) paving

NATURE OF COMPLAINT - Describe specific allegations, quantity and types of materials involved, supporting information, when does the activity occur, how long has the activity been going on, etc.?

John received a call from anonymous caller who stated that Bedford Recycling had a contract to recycle/scrap old tanks from Crane Naval Base. Person stated that they were cutting up tanks for scrap and dumping the tank bottoms (ie hydraulic oils, transmission fluids, used oils) on the ground behind the main building. John also stated some tanks had asbestos coatings on them (he was going to handle this part of complaint). John stated the call indicated the mud (dirt) area leading to a deep ravine was heavily discolored (reddish/orange).

TRACKING INFORMATION - Entered in tracking system, yes ✓ no \_\_\_\_\_ initial RP  
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**INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT  
OFFICE OF SOLID AND HAZARDOUS WASTE  
COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION REPORT**

**EPA or STATE ID #: INX 000 011 544**

**NAME: Bedford Recycling, Inc. ADDRESS: 904 Summit Street**

**CITY: Bedford**

**STATE: Indiana ZIP: 47421**

**INVESTIGATOR: R.Roudebush**

**DATE OF INSPECTION: 4/6/95**

**PERSONS INTERVIEWED**

**OCCUPATION**

**PHONE NUMBER**

Larry Parsons

Owner/Op.

812/275-6883

**INSPECTION FINDINGS**

On April 6, 1995, I conducted a complaint investigation at the above facility, regarding mismanagement of used fluids from recycling/scraping of army combat tanks. The facility was awarded a federal contract last year for scraping the combat tanks.

Upon arrival, I met with Mr. Parsons (above) and explained the general concerns of the complaint. Mr. Parsons took me to the rear (east side) of the property, where the tank building was located and described the processes involved in his operation (the building was build, specifically for scraping the tanks). He stated that most of the combat tanks they received came with auto related fluids that had to be drained, before scraping. The area used to drain the fluids is located in the northern part of the building. Tanks are placed over a pit, where an employee can drain the fluids into a metal tank (approximately 200-300 gallons) that is on rollers. Fluids collected in the movable tank are then pumped to a storage tanker located along the north wall, outside the building. Any incidental spillage in the pit is cleaned out by using a diaphragm pump to pump the liquids to the movable tank.

The waste fluids are taken by Warrior, Inc. (Indianapolis, Indiana), where they are blended and conditioned for incorporation in to asphalt products.

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Bedford Recycling, Inc.  
Complaint Investigation

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This complaint could not be verified or substantiated during this inspection. No staining of the ground was noted outside the building and the facility appeared to be operating within state environmental rules (IC 13 - 7), concerning land disposition of hazardous materials.

No further action is required on this complaint at this time (NAR).

Inspectors Name: Rich Rowdelush Env. Mgr. II

Date of report: 4/12/95